

Application Serial No. 09/877,768
Amendment dated February 3, 2005
Reply to Notice of Allowance of November 4, 2004

Docket No. 1232-4722

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

As stated above, this Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is being filed subsequent to a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due of November 4, 2004, but before payment was made of the Issue Fee and in support of the Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 which is filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, Applicants note that pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.313(a) no petition to withdraw the application from issue is required. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested prior to further examination on the merits.

As indicated in the Notice of Allowability, claims 25, 27-42, 44, 45, 47-58, 64, 67, 78 and 80-90 are allowed. Applicants note that claim 79 which depends from claim 67 is inadvertently missed in the Notice of Allowability and believe that claim 79 should also be allowed. By this Amendment, claims 25, 27 and 39 are amended. Claims 91-94 are added. No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

Applicants believe that all of the pending claims and new claims are believed allowable for at least similar reasons as in the Notice of Allowance.

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AUTHORIZATION

No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees which may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4722). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

Respectfully submitted,
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